

Subject: Re: DTLA 2040 Update and Planning 101

From: "Ellen Endo" <ellenendo@yahoo.com>

Date: 5/3/18, 9:35 AM

To: "Masao Okamoto" <okalax@gmail.com>, "Joanne Kumamoto" <jkumamoto@aol.com>, "Doug Aihara" <douga@aihara-associates.com>

I don't think it will hurt to have a City Planning representative at the LTBA board meeting just to help identify key issues. We can always have a community-wide meeting sometime later (in June?).

Ellen

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On Thursday, May 3, 2018, 9:23 AM, Masao Okamoto <okalax@gmail.com> wrote:

Joanne,
cc: Ellen, Doug

Regarding addition of "DTLA 2040 Update and Planning 101" into upcoming board meeting, actually, I prefer to do it to all members rather than board members. Just like what Ellen did some time ago for over-reacting police ticketing for street crossing.

With WSAB and everything else, the biggest potential controversial issue for our community is the planning issues. LTCC's SLT is moving into "no-growth" but that would not "sustain" our local businesses. However, some business owners such as Brian Kito are saying they would just leave if the rent keeps going up. Also, TOD has to be discussed with pros and cons.

This type of community meeting should be better spearheaded by LTBA.

Any thought?

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On Wed, May 2, 2018 at 1:01 AM, Joanne Kumamoto <jkumamoto@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Do you want to invite the LA City Department of City Planning to our next Board meeting? Or to one of your committee meetings?

Sent from my iPhone 6s Plus

Begin forwarded message:

From: Los Angeles Department of City Planning <bryan.eck@lacity.org>

Date: April 5, 2018 at 5:34:46 PM PDT

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DTLA 2040 Update

Over the past several months community plan staff have had the opportunity to attend a

number of community events and meetings to discuss DTLA 2040 and the future of Downtown including Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council and Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council meetings in February, Chinatown and Little Tokyo community meetings, and the Festival for All Skid Row Artists in Fall 2017. Materials from these meetings can be viewed [here](#).

Additionally, in March the Department participated in a [dialogue](#) about the future of Downtown's skyline with the American Institute of Architects.

Looking forward, as the Plan is developed alongside new zoning tools through [re:code LA](#), 2018 will be an exciting year for DTLA 2040. Lookout for future content releases and outreach events!

Invite us to your meeting!

We're continuing our outreach to further refine plan concepts and strategies. If you or your organization would like to learn more about DTLA 2040 or discuss neighborhood focused and Downtown wide issues, contact Clare Kelley at clare.kelley@lacity.org or [\(213\) 978-1207](tel:(213)978-1207).

Planning 101 Trainings

Interested in learning more about the planning process? The Department of City Planning and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment are hosting a series of Planning 101 trainings focused on the project planning process throughout April. The training is intended to provide an overview of the basic elements of the City's development process and key points for public participation. Click [here](#) learn more and RSVP.

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